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THE BUENOS AIRES BOMBING INCIDENT

The stability of the Peron regime does not appear to be immediately affected by the rioting which followed two bomb explosions during Peron's 15 April speech, since there has been no earlier reported weakening of his control over the army, the police, or organized labor. Peron's reported statements after the incident, like his speeches in the past fortnight against "rumor-mongers" and "black marketeers," reflect considerable confusion, however, over the recent rise in popular discontent with his regime--a development he evidently blames entirely on the non-Communist opposition.

The effect of the incident may be to force Peron toward a stronger leftist and anti-US line which he had recently shown signs of abandoning.

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